



## Readings for Service of Evening Prayer

3 August 2021

### Psalm 4 (Standard Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church in the USA)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

“You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices  
and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying,  
“O that we might see better times!”  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

### Romans 5: 1-5 (Revised English Bible)

Therefore, now that we have been justified through faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to that grace in which we now live; and we exult in the hope of the divine glory that is to be ours. More than this: we even exult in our present sufferings, because we know that suffering is a source of endurance, endurance of approval, and approval of hope. Such hope is no fantasy; through the Holy Spirit he has given us, God’s love has flooded our hearts.